

REMARKS:

Entry of the above-identified Preliminary Amendment prior to examination on the merits, and examination of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested. Support for this amendment is found throughout the specification as originally filed. Claims 1-48 remain pending in the application.

CONCLUSION:

It is respectfully submitted that the claims as amended are in a condition for allowance, and an early notice of allowability is earnestly solicited.

Applicant authorizes the fees in the amount of \$688.00 be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0792. Please charge any additional fees due, or credit any overpayment to, Deposit Account 50-0792.

Respectfully submitted,

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